

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Upon review of the Official Action, the understanding of Applicants' attorney is that the Examiner is requiring an election of a specie from Species I-IV which are directed to different embodiments of the invention involving curves within the structure of various shapes and an election of a specie from Species V-VI which are directed to different embodiments of the support structure. Pursuant to this understanding, Applicants hereby elect Species I corresponding to Figure 1 and Species V corresponding to Figures 14a and 17a. Applicants submit that all of the pending claims, i.e. original claims 1-25, are readable on elected Species I and V. Original claims 1-25 are listed above in accordance with the requirement set forth in lines 1-3 on page 2 of the Official Action.

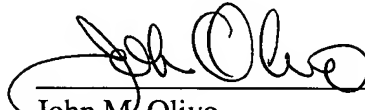
In the event that the Examiner required election of only one of Species I-VI, and not an election of both a particular structure shape and support structure, Applicants elect Species I. Applicants submit that all of the pending claims, i.e. original claims 1-25, are readable on elected Species I.

The election is made without traverse, however, as stated by the Examiner on page 3 of the Official action, the Applicants are entitled to consideration of any claims directed to the non-elected species which either depend from or otherwise require all of the limitations of an allowable generic claim. In addition, Applicants further reserve the

right to pursue any additional subject matter of non-elected Species II-VI in subsequently
filed divisional applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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